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We strongly support continuing with the detailed analysis and design of a safe storage area for nuclear waste at the Yucca Mt. site. The analysis completed to date shows that this storage area is an excellent location for long term nuclear waste storage. While no location in the world is completely 100% safe forever, the waste will be much safer closely guarded and carefully monitored at Yucca Mt. rather than spread out across the country at hundreds of power plants, medical areas, etc. Security at this one site should be much better than at many sites. The continuous testing and monitoring at the proposed site should allow Yucca Mt. storage facility to be modified and improved over time, if needed.

Nuclear energy plants have been steadily improving in efficiency over the decades and have been safely producing a significant percentage of Americas power since the early 1960s. Japan and France safely produce and large percentage of their power from nuclear plants. To reduce green house gas emissions, nuclear power is the most efficient technology available and should continue to grow into the 21st century. Energy prices soared recently in California and elsewhere in the West. Oil supplies from the Middle East and elsewhere are risky and not guaranteed to last forever. Nuclear energy does not depend on OPEC imports. To be strong and free, America need energy independence. The Yucca Mt. site should reduce storage costs and therefore lower energy costs for American businesses and families.

Criticism of the Yucca site are generally come from either:

1. those against all nuclear power, nuclear defense, nuclear medicine, and even fundamental physics research on the atom
2. Nevada NIMBYs who would rather have the facility built anywhere else, even if another site would be less safe and/or more expensive

If Yucca Mt. is not selected, we would have to start the entire process of looking for another site elsewhere. No alternate site suggested so far is better than Yucca Mt. or has been tested as thoroughly. This storage site is needed as soon as safely possible. Delay will only add millions more to the ultimate cost. We believe that this project should now move prudently on to final testing, analysis, design and construction of the necessary storage facility at Yucca Mt. Thank you.

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